

that prohibits assistance to any government that assists the Government of Libya in violating sanctions imposed by the United Nations and provides an exception for national security interests of the United States (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10 by a recorded vote of 426 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 174);

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By a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 200, agreed to the Rohrabacher amendment that restricts funding to the Russian Federation if the federation transfers an SS-N-22 missile system to the People's Republic of China (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 11 by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 178); and

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By a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting "no" and 3 voting "present", Roll No. 201, agreed to the Paxon amendment that condemns the Palestinian Authority policy and practice of imposing the death penalty on anyone who sells land to a Jew (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on June 10).

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Earlier, agreed to amendments in the Committee of the Whole:

The Rohrabacher amendment, debated on June 10, that restricts funding to the Russian Federation if the federation transfers an SS-N-22 missile system to the People's Republic of China (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 178); and

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The Gilman en bloc amendment that establishes the "Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation and Re-invention Act of 1997," requires a reorganization plan from the President not later than 60 days after enactment; mandates the abolition of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and transfers its functions to the Secretary of State by October 1, 1998; mandates the abolition of the United States Information Agency and transfers its functions to the Secretary of State by October 1, 1999; mandates the abolition of the International Development Cooperation Agency and transfers its functions to another agency or agencies by October 1, 1998; and reorganizes the functions of the Agency of International Development and consolidates various of its functions with the Department of State by October 1, 1999.

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Rejected in the Committee of the Whole:

The Sanford amendment that sought to limit the aggregate funding authorized to the amount appropriated in fiscal year 1997 resulting in a reduction of \$265 million for both fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 179);

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1757 to correct section numbers, punctuation,

and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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European Security Act: The House passed H.R. 1758, to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements. Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 159, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, the text of H.R. 1758 was appended to the engrossment of H.R. 1757, and H.R. 1758 was laid on the table.

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Agreed to the Frank motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to report H.R. 1758 back forthwith with an amendment that adds a new section on Burdensharing that expresses the sense of the Congress that the United States already pays more than a proportionate share of the costs of the common defense of Europe and that the European members of NATO should pay the bulk of the costs of NATO expansion which are incurred by existing NATO members.

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Subsequently, the bill was reported back and the amendment on Burdensharing was agreed to.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and twenty-three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3670-71, H3680, H3686-87, H3687-88, H3688, H3688-89, H3689-90, H3690-91, H3691-92, H3692-93, H3693, H3695-96, H3696-97, H3697, H3698, H3699, H3700, H3701, H3702, H3702-03, H3703-04, H3704-05, H3705, and H3706. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the 1997 Conservation Reserve Program contract announcement. Testimony was heard from

Dallas Smith, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Education Goals Panel; the National Mediation Board; and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel; the following officials of the National Mediation Board: Kenneth B. Hipp, Chairman, Ernest DuBester and Magdalena G. Jacobsen, both Members, and June D. W. King, Chief Financial Officer; and Dennis W. Jahnigen, M.D., Chairman, Armed Forces Retirement Home Board.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Bomber/Deep Attack Capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Hamre, Comptroller; Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command; Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command; and Lt. Gen. David J. McCloud, USAF, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment (J-8), Joint Chiefs of Staff, all with the Department of the Air Force.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Commerce: Approved the following Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation: Title III, Subtitle A—Nuclear Regulatory Commission Annual Charges; Title III, Subtitle B—Lease of Excess Strategic Petroleum Reserve Capacity; Title III, Subtitle C—Sale of DOE Assets; and Title III, Subtitle D—Communications.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION; EXPANSION OF PORTABILITY AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began consideration of the following: Budget Reconciliation

recommendations; and H.R. 1515, Expansion of Portability and Health Insurance Coverage Act of 1997.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1553, to amend the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 to extend the authorization of the Assassination Boards Review Board until September 30, 1998; H.J. Res. 56, celebrating the end of slavery in the United States; and H.R. 1316, amended, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits.

The Committee also approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILL; CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported a private immigration bill.

The Committee also held a hearing on civil asset forfeiture reform, including discussion of H.R. 1835, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Stefan D. Cassella, Deputy Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Jan P. Blanton, Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Began markup of H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

NOAA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1278, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1997.

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The waiver applies to a special rule reported before June 14, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill introduced by the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Approved Budget Reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in Budget Reconciliation legislation.

The Committee also ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 849, to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970; and H.R. 1747, John F. Kennedy Center Parking Improvement Act of 1997.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Began markup of Budget Reconciliation tax recommendations.

Will continue tomorrow.

IRAN BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Iran. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine air traffic controller staffing issues and other aviation issues, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, closed business meeting, to continue to mark up a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the benefits and risks of restructuring to consumers and communities, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for foreign assistance programs, including the State Department, the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, United Nations reform and reorganization of foreign affairs agencies, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to discuss the issuance of subpoenas and the granting of immunity to witnesses, 4 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on opportunity programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business, to hold oversight hearings to review the Small Business Administration's microloan program, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, business meeting, to consider recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and H.J. Res. 75, to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1193-94 in Today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing on forest ecosystem health in the Pacific Coast and Southern Regions, 10 a.m., and to consider Budget Reconciliation recommendations, 2:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, to consider the following Budget Reconciliation recommendations: Title III, Subtitle E—Medicaid; Title III, Subtitle F—State Child Health Coverage Assistance; and Title IV—Committee on Commerce—Medicare, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue consideration of the following: Budget Reconciliation recommendations; and H.R. 1551, Expansion of Portability and Health Insurance Coverage Act of 1997, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, to markup the following: H.R. 1853, Carl D. Perkins Vocation and Applied Technology Act Amendments of 1997; H.R. 1818, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1997; and H. Res. 139, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Education, States, and local education agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Reducing Regulatory Mandates on Education, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 872, Biomaterials Access Assurance Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to markup the following: H.R. 103, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1997; Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act of 1997; H.R. 748, Prohibition on Financial Transactions With Countries Supporting Terrorism Act of 1997; H.R. 1532, Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 1683, Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration Improvements Act of